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 report on the Novator uranium mine at
 Rybnicek (N 50-37, E 16-00) near Trutnov. A sketch shows the location of the
 mine.

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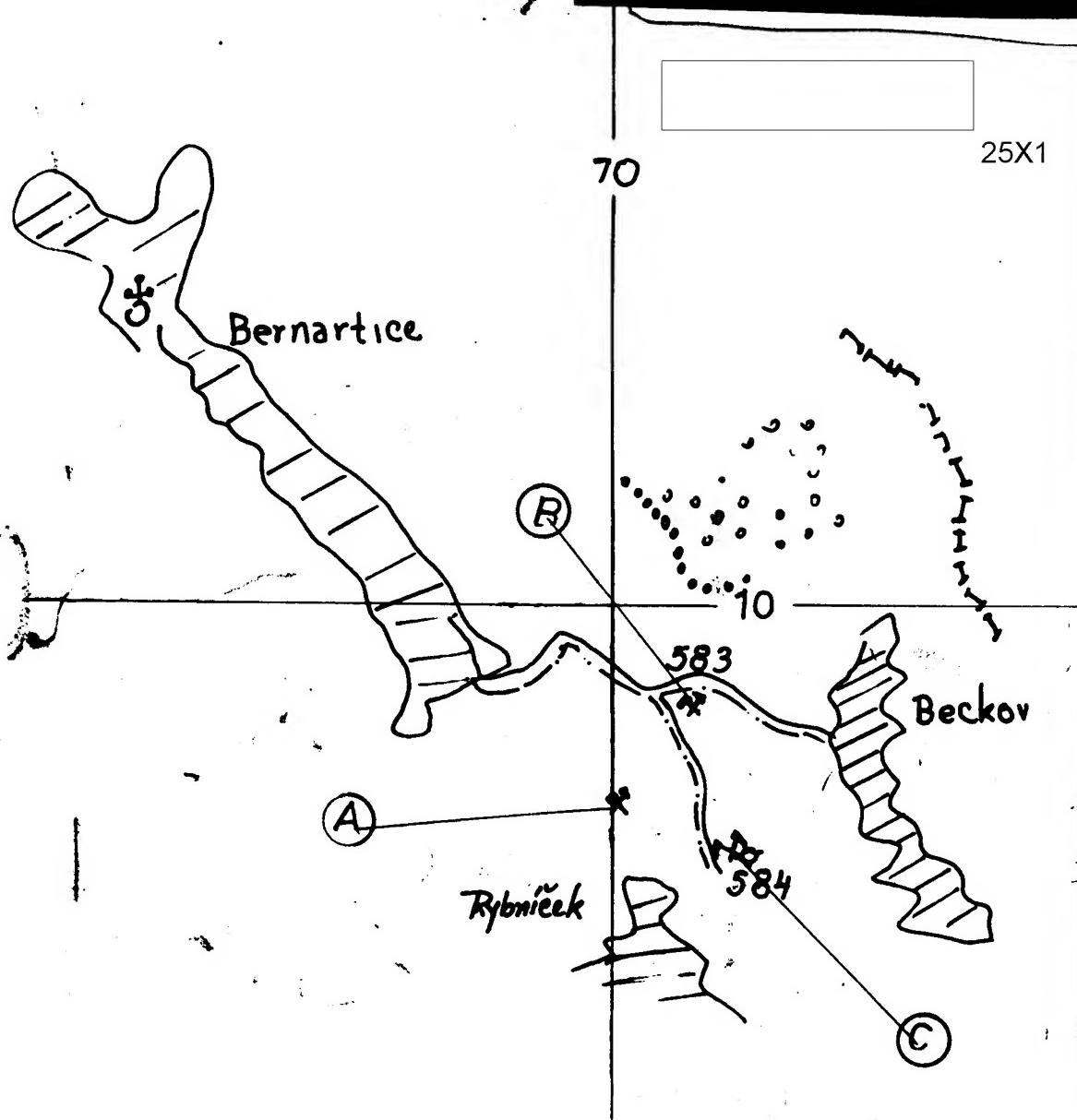
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1. History: In about 1933 a black-coal mine was opened nearby the Rybnicek village, District Trutnov. Because the coal was not sufficiently aged for mining the mine was closed in 1936. In 1951, test-drills were being done for purpose of finding radioactive material. It was discovered that the coal contains a considerable amount of uranium ore. In 1953, test mining has been started at first in the original coal mine then the #3 shaft was reopened. A completely new shaft, #4, was opened, which is about 800 meters in the south direction. In 1956 (in May) about 1,000 people were working here and the number was by no means sufficient.
2. Output: During one shift in one shaft only about 230-250 standard type mining carts. The output was approximately the same at both shafts. The output after the sorting of material was around 30 up to 70 carts per one shift. The radioactive coal was transported by six Tatra 111 truck ~~trucks~~ to the railroad station Královec and then by train to Vrchlabí, where the material was processed and finally shipped to Russia. The coal not containing uranium ore was shipped to some of the neighboring power plants.
3. Employees: There are about 1,000 workers at the two shafts. Recruitment of new miners is continuing as it is estimated that for full exploitation another 500 persons are needed. An average salary is approximately 1,500 crowns; however, there are miners earning as much as 3,000 crowns per month. The #3 shaft works 3 shifts; #4 shaft works two shifts only as there are not enough miners for the third shift.
4. Miscellaneous information and information on some personnel: The Nováteck mine is under the Dachynov mines Inspectorate at Trutnov. The mine is being guarded by Plant's guard, 1st-grade worker, who are about 70% of the total number of employees, are billeted in the wooden-hut houses development at Horní Masava. There are about 20 wooden houses and kitchens.

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Plant's director for the #4 shaft: Ing. (fmu) Skálovský

Mine's foreman: (fmu) Kykrle

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Chief foreman: (fmu) Semecek,

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Chief taskmaster: (fmu) Welheim.

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Plant's Council chairman: (fmu) Vach.

5. Description of the Novotar mine:

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- (A) The original coal mine - northward from the Rybnicek hamlet, on the south tip of Bernatice village (marked on all maps). In this ^{the mining} was done only for research purposes. Presently it is called ^{mine} SURF!
- (B) Shaft #3 - located by the Bernatice - Beckov road at about 583 meters elev. point.
- (C) Shaft #4 - approximately 500 meters south at about 584 meters elev. point. This shaft is newly built in contradistinction to shaft #3 which is a newly reopened mine. From the shaft #3 to shaft #4 leads a new connecting road.

The shafts have standard mining equipment used at all Jackymov area mines. The area was not in 1956 completely fenced in. Shaft #3 has so far one gallery only at about 130 meters depth. Shaft #4 had in 1956 (May) also only one gallery at an approx. depth 80-100 meters but another gallery was to be started.

Management for both shafts is located in a masonry building, groundfloor, on the #4 shaft area. There are also some wooden huts belonging to the management. Both shafts have their own sorting sheds.

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